Key Actions of the Council November 12, 2014

The 2014 Implementation Update ("IU") was an informational tool for reviewing and assessing energy efficiency program progress during the implementation of a Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan collaboratively developed and utilized for 2014. On March 17, 2014, the Program Administrators ("PAs") distributed the PA IU documents to the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council ("Council") for review. On May 13, 2014 the Council approved its Positions on the IU. Through the summer, the Council received presentations from the PAs and EEAC Consultants regarding deeper dives into specific areas; all of which contained, respectively, updates on new efforts, and recommendations for improvements. Consistent with the plan adopted by the Council for IUs on November 12, 2013, the PAs and the Council will in the future review how the IU process works going forward. This 2014 process has brought into focus issues concerning the exchange of information between the Council, the PAs and the EEAC Consultants. To address these issues, and to further support the efforts of the PAs in meeting or exceeding the 2013-2015 Three-Year Program Goals, the Council directs the EEAC Consultants:

To develop and propose a standardized process through which the Council may propose and the PAs may evaluate new energy efficiency related ideas and approaches, as brought forth through the EEAC consultants, with the goal of statewide implementation. Such proposal should reflect consideration of any recommendations of the Council's process review consultant and the respective roles and responsibilities of the PAs and the Council. Development of this standardized process may itself take the form of a trial effort in which 2-3 concrete, well-documented ideas or approaches with supporting details are presented to the PAs. Within a set timeline, the PAs will review and respond to the Council regarding each of such ideas, copying the EEAC Consultants, with identification of a clear action to be taken by the PAs (e.g. accept, modify or reject with substantive justification for each action). Following this trial, EEAC consultants, with review from the PAs, shall present to the Council their recommendations, for a standardized process to introduce and evaluate such proposals going forward. The recommendations shall include guidelines for the timing of introduction of proposals and responses, and provide suggested protocols for a collaborative exchange of the information needed to develop and evaluate such ideas.

In addition, to provide the Council with additional information regarding the projected shortfall for C&I as identified in the IU process, the Council requests that:

In the period of December, 2014 to December, 2015 at the advance request of the Council, the PAs will provide periodic reports that address progress toward targets for large retrofit C&I. Such reports should be in a summary format, providing a statewide focus with input from each PA and highlight any new approaches and technologies being developed. These reports can be included within or as a supplement to the quarterly reports and data dashboards already being filed by the PAs. The quarterly reports that have provided forecasted information in Q2 and Q3, should be expanded to provide forecasted data at the program level.